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  - c. ☒ the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page 1,
  - d. ☒ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
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- JP 2002-366779 corresponds to GB 2 362 486.
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Respectfully submitted,

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